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A LOST ART

Being Regained at K.N.C.

Something More About the Good Work of Our College.

By the expression, "A Lost Art," we mean the art of reading well. How often have you been bored, nay, rendered miserable, by the effort of some well-meaning individual to read aloud? The mispronouncing, the halting, the stammering—all combine to make the effort a ridiculous failure. These instances occur daily. Occasionally you hear something read in clear tones, with clear enunciation, correct pronunciation, and the due observance of pauses, grammatical and rhetorical. It's a decided pleasure, although a rare one, to hear reading of this character. In fact it is so rare that the News calls it one of the lost arts. Well, Prof. J. B. McClure, of the K. N. C., is doing much to recover and restate this lost art. — the art of good reading. One of the News staff went up to the school the other day and took a lesson in reading. He didn't read any himself, but he heard some lessons given in the beautiful art, and the knowledge thus obtained was not only valuable to him personally, but it convinced him that the professor both appreciates the worth of good reading and knows how to make good readers of his pupils.

He has a method all his own, and it is very effective. By its use he not only makes the pupil a good reader but he makes him acquainted with authors and literature. His method is not only a good one, but he is patient and persistent in its use. He believes in the "If at first you don't succeed try, try again" doctrine.

The lesson for the hour the News man was present was the reading in concert of Leigh Hunt's beautiful poem "Abou Ben Adhem"; and may the "tribe" of teachers like McClure, Byington, Kennison et al. increase!

It was done so well, so understandingly, that if the teacher had known that his room was to be visited we would have suspected the boys and girls had been drilled for the occasion. Not only did they read well and with the spirit and the understanding also, but before they were done they knew who the author was, when and where he lived, with some knowledge concerning several other authors.

We have a good school in Louisa, and let us for emphasis drop into slang for a minute and say, Don't you forget it.

A recent visit to the primary rooms of the Louisa Public Schools, now being taught in connection with the Kentucky Normal College, proved to the News that this important department is in very competent hands.

The pupils of the second grade, nearly 60 in number, enjoy the able teaching of Miss Mary Kirk, formerly connected with the public schools of Martin county. Although a young woman Miss Kirk has had many years of experience as a teacher, and if she taught in Martin as she teaches in Louisa, as doubtless she did, her patrons there were reluctant to let her go to other fields of labor.

The visit of the News man was not expected, therefore there was no "show" class trotted out for display. Two recitations were heard, and the manner of both teacher and pupil demonstrated conclusively that Miss Kirk is more than a teacher. She is an educator. Get out your book of synonyms and learn the difference. If pupils are not interested in their work the routine of the schoolroom, wearing as it is under ordinary circumstances, is almost a burden to scholars and instructors. But it was a delight to the observer to notice the interest shown by most of the children in Miss Kirk's room. It was manifested in many ways, and was in pleasing contrast with the dull, apathetic indifference visible in many other schools.

Miss Kirk's relations with her pupils seemed very pleasant. Her manner was gentle and kind, yet her eyes and ears were wide open to voice and action, and the discipline was sufficient. In the acquisition of the Kirk Martin county's loss was Miss's gain.

We mistake not years ago—we no going to say how many—

Mrs. W. N. Sullivan was a successful teacher. She had not taught since her marriage until now, and this fall she was made teacher of the first grade in our public school. She has a big room full of little tots, ranging in years from 6 to 11. It requires patience, tact, perseverance, work—all these things to handle the chart, primer and first reader children and make anything out of them, and Mrs. Sullivan is accomplishing this good work. "As the twig is bent so is the tree inclined," said the wise man years ago. It was true then, it is true today. The young mind must be bent or directed toward the proper way, and if it has, unfortunately, been bent the other and wrong way it becomes the duty of her who has the first work of moulding its destinies to correct the evil and give the proper start. This is Mrs. Sullivan's responsible duty, and she is doing her work well. Her method of getting her little pupils to comprehend the rudiments of arithmetic seemed a very successful one.

Parents of the children in Mrs. Sullivan's and Miss Kirk's rooms may be satisfied that their children are in competent hands.

SILVER IN WAYNE.

Big Sandy Farmers Claim Discovery of the White Metal.

For a great many years there have been rumors that silver ore could be found in the hills of Wayne county and during the past week or so some enterprising farmers who live on the Sandy side of the county, a few miles south of Ceredo, have set about to organize a company for testing the territory. The point where it is said the white metal has been discovered is a secret, as yet, but it is thought that the first test will be made not far from the mouth of White's creek on land in which Huntington people are interested.

There is considerable talk in the Wayne community over the prospects of finding the white metal over there and the developments will be awaited with keen interest.

Victory For Woods.

About four years ago Jilson Perkins, of near Webbville, was struck by a yard engine near the C. & O. passenger depot in Ashland, and was, as he claimed, seriously injured. He brought suit for \$2,000 against the company, employing John W. Woods, formerly of this place, but now County Attorney of Boyd county, to prosecute his claim. Two years after bringing the suit Jilson died, but the case had not been terminated, and his administrator authorized Woods to fight it out.

The case was tried in this county. If we are not mistaken it went twice to the Court of Appeals, resulting finally in a triumph for Perkins. His estate will be richer by \$1,600, minus what the attorney will get.

Harrison Hatfield Dead.

On Sunday night Harrison Hatfield died in the county jail at Williamson, where he has been pending the decision of the Supreme Court as to his application for a new trial. The old fellow suffered from a complication of diseases. Our readers will remember the circumstances of his trial and conviction for the poisoning of his wife shortly after his return from the Trent post office case in Charleston.

Look After the Roads.

Road overseers will do well to take advantage of good weather and do whatever they can for the improvement of the county roads before to do so becomes impossible. With co-operation on the part of those who live along the roads, and the money that is yet available, considerable work may be done before extreme bad weather sets in.

Louisa On Top.

The Louisa Football Club went to Paintsville last Saturday morning to mix things up with the pigskin outfit of that village. When the boys returned in the p. m. it was with colors flying and cries of victory. The score was 31 to a cipher in favor of the fellows from the forks.

STOCK LAW

In Several Districts

Of Lawrence County Will Go Into Effect Dec. 5th.

In the recent election six precincts in Lawrence county voted on the proposition of whether or not live stock shall be permitted to roam at large, and in all the result was the same. After December 5th no live stock may legally be allowed to roam at large in these districts.

This makes Lawrence county precincts almost a unit on this proposition, nearly all of the others having voted the same way heretofore. The time has come when the stock law is a necessity. Fencing material is getting scarce and valuable, and all the farmers should not be compelled to keep their entire farms fenced to protect their crops from the ravages of the few pieces of stock that are turned out upon the highways.

Following are the precincts and the vote by which the law carried:

Falls of Blaine, 22 to 119.
Rockcastle, 36 to 67.
Cherokee, 43 to 96.
Twin Branch, 35 to 85.
Lower Louisa, 58 to 72.
Swetnam, 43 to 90.

Remember that December 5th is the day on which the law becomes effective.

Both Louisa districts are now under the stock law, and as the voters of the city participated in the election it is the opinion of attorneys that the law is effective here as well as throughout the precincts.

Thanksgiving Proclamation.

The following proclamation has been issued by Gov. Beckham:

"In accordance with custom and the proclamation of the President of the United States, I hereby appoint Thursday, November 28, as a day of Thanksgiving and prayer throughout the Commonwealth. It is expected on that day that all of our people shall refrain from their usual business employments and give thanks to All-wise Ruler, who has so generously blessed us as a nation, and who has so bountifully provided for us.

"In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Commonwealth to be hereunto affixed.

"Done at Frankfort this 15th day of November, 1907.

J. C. W. BECKHAM.

What Crabbe Will Do.

The first of the new Republican officials to reach Frankfort since the election was Prof. J. C. Crabbe, elected Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Mr. Crabbe said that he intended to take the affairs of his office out of politics, and would appoint a Democrat and a Republican on the Board of Examiners. As he is the third member the board will be Republican, but the Democrats will have representation. Mr. Crabbe announced that he will appoint as his chief clerk J. P. Culbertson, who has been a close friend of his for years. His first clerk will be Thomas W. Vinson, of Lexington, and one clerkship has not been filled. During his visit here Mr. Crabbe was the guest of A. B. Hammond, who is president of the first Willson club organized in the State.

M. F. Carter Very Ill.

It is with much regret that we announce the very serious condition of Millard F. Carter, who has been at Riverview Hospital for a short time. He has Bright's Disease and his condition has become very much worse in the last few days. His wife, son and daughter and other relatives have been at his bedside for several days.

Who He Is.

Special Judge Morris, who is conducting the fourth trial of Caleb Powers at Georgetown, occupies a unique and altogether enviable position with reference to the noted case.

Previous to his appointment as special Judge he had never seen the defendant, neither has he ever read or heard a single line of testimony for or against him except that

gleaned from the written opinion of the Court of Appeals, nor does he know personally or has he ever seen any of the other defendants named in the Goebel murder case.

Afflicted in 1895 with nervous prostration, Judge Morris retired from active practice of the law for the five years following. Living quietly in the suburbs of Lagrange, his home town, he did not visit Frankfort during the entire time of Bradley and Taylor administrations. Having served for sixteen years as Commonwealth's Attorney of the old Seventeenth judicial district, he was surfeited with criminal court evidence and took no interest in any of the numerous trials of the Goebel case.

Got Twenty-one Years.

In the Circuit Court at Prestonsburg the jury in the case of Millard Salisbury, charged with the killing of his cousin, Jim Stumbo, on Beaver creek, last September, brought in a verdict of guilty and fixed his punishment at 21 years in the penitentiary.

The murder was a very atrocious one, and many thought the verdict should have provided the death penalty.

UP SANDY.

Items Gathered From the Counties Along the Valley.

James Hatcher has about 3,500 sawlogs in the river at the mouth of Grassy.

G. T. Hawkins, of Pike, was married recently to Miss V. Z. Barrett, of Peter creek.

Circuit Court adjourned at Prestonsburg. A special term will be held the 2nd week in December.

Recently at the residence of the bride's brother, Greely Hatcher, at Cliff, Mrs. Katie C. Googler was united in marriage to Mr. J. B. Piemon, of Paris, Ky. The bride and groom left this morning for the latter home at Paris. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Hatcher, of Cliff.

The funeral of the late Hon. A. B. Stephens at Prestonsburg, Friday, was one of the largest ever conducted in the Sandy Valley. There were 1 the procession one hundred Masons and thirty Elks, while friends from Prestonsburg, Pikeville and the entire vicinity were in attendance.

Friday morning at East Point the fire in the school building broke down the ceiling which fell with a crash upon the pupils at the school. A little son of Charley Fitzpatrick was the only one injured. A number of deep gashes were cut in his head and it may be he cannot recover.

Shortridge-Smith.

Married Nov. 10th, Roscoe Shortridge and Miss Stella Smith. The groom is the prominent and highly respected son of V. B. Shortridge, while the bride is the beautiful and accomplished daughter of Archie Smith, formerly of Jattle. They were married at the home of the bride, where a fine dinner was served. They then came to the groom's home where supper was awaiting them.

Their many relatives and friends wish them all the success in life and may their pathway be strewn with flowers.

One Present.

Monday at Breeden, W. Va., there was a big fire which swept away half of the town. It is thought a store house was set afire by some one about two o'clock Monday morning, and from that the flames spread, covering several other business houses, residences and the hotel.

N. T. Cooper has returned from the west to his home at Cherokee, this county. He spent twenty months in Washington and adjacent country, but was not sufficiently pleased with the country to locate there permanently.

William Coup and Norman Turner, of Mt. Vernon, O., made the Brunswick headquarters this week, while they roamed the hills and dales in quest of the elusive quail and the timid rabbit.

Presiding Elder Goaling preached and held communion service at the M. E. Church South last Sunday night. The church was crowded and the sermon was a most excellent one.

F. L. STEWART

Master Commissioner.

Will Be Appointed By Judge Hannah. James Vinson For Trustee of Jury Fund.

Judge J. B. Hannah, who will preside over the Circuit Courts of this district after the first of next January, announces that he will appoint Mr. F. L. Stewart, of Louisa, as Master Commissioner for Lawrence county, and James Vinson as Trustee of the Jury Fund.

In choosing these gentlemen Judge Hannah has made selections that will be universally satisfactory.

Mr. Stewart enjoys the confidence and esteem of the people to an extent not exceeded by any citizen of this county. This high station has been won by a straightforward life in which every act has been guided by proper ideals of integrity. We are not indulging in mere flattery when we say this, nor when we state that no man in Lawrence county has fewer enemies than he. These are facts that all will subscribe to. The duties of the office of Master Commissioner will receive prompt and efficient attention at his hands. He is a competent attorney and knows the duties before him.

Mr. Vinson is well and favorably known throughout the county, having served as Jailor for several years. He made a good record as an official, and is popular, honest and highly respected. The appointment will be approved by the public.

Cleanliness Next to Godliness.

Mr. R. T. Burns has improved his already beautiful and comfortable home by the addition of a lavatory and bath room. The bath room is in the second story and the lavatory is immediately under it. Both are perfect in design and construction, neither time nor expense being spared in making them first-class, particular attention having been paid to making both rooms sanitary as well as handsome. Mr. Burns believes with the apostle that cleanliness is next to godliness.

G. R. Davidson Dead.

A message received just as we go to press brings the sad news of the death of Green R. Davidson, County Clerk of Floyd county, which occurred at Prestonsburg. Pneumonia caused his death, after a brief illness. He was widely known and quite popular. Funeral Friday.

Cox Carter.

What the News said last week about Cox Hawes was not intended for him at all. He doesn't live in Columbus, and he didn't come home to vote the Democratic ticket. Cox Carter is the man we had in mind.

Rev. C. H. Williamson.

"And I bought the field of Hannah-meel, my uncle's son, that was in Anathoth, and weighed him the money, even 17 pieces of silver," Jeremiah 32:9.

Looking at them now and hearing them read in the M. E. Church South Sunday morning, the above words seem barren of aught which enters into the building of a sermon. We said, to ourself, when we heard the Rev. Chester H. Williamson read the words, "we should like to know what there is in that text." If there was any more mental questioning concerning it in the splendid audience which completely filled the church it was most agreeably answered by the splendid sermon which followed the reading of the words. Mr. Williamson prefaced his sermon by a brief but very touching reference to his visit to his former home after an absence of seven years. It was couched in beautiful and eloquent language, and it seemed to put his attentive congregation in proper frame of mind and heart for the discourse which followed. To give a part and not the whole of Mr. Williamson's sermon would be an injustice to preacher and discourse, and we must needs content ourselves with this brief notice. It was a fine sermon, rich in thought, original in conception,

eloquent in delivery. The earnest manner and fine voice of the speaker added much to the attractiveness of what he said. Illustrative incident was not lacking. The telling of the interchange of messages between two ships, each below the horizon, was very effective, and we can shut our eyes and see the sun shining on the cross on the church near Newport after the elemental war had ceased.

WEBBVILLE.

Roscoe Shortridge of Cat and Miss Stella Smith of Brammer Gap were married Sunday at the residence of the bride's father, Archie Smith.

Mr. Dean of Lost creek and Mr. Green of Flat Gap are at Judge Woods'.

Mrs. H. H. Gambill of Winchester is visiting at M. F. Carter's.

Landon Carter has returned to Columbus.

Bob Butler has gone from Cherokee to Mississippi.

George Prince has returned to Ashland.

Curtis Hug has gone to Columbus.

Bill Montgomery has gone to O'Connellsburg to visit his daughter.

Hilman Carpenter has returned to Aden.

Miss Dora Woods, Miss Celia Petry, Miss Ruby Roberts and Miss Belva Green were out sight-seeing today.

F. R. Moore went to B. J. Webb's today to take an acknowledgment of a deed.

Wat Kitchen is here securing options on coal lands.

Mr. Butler has returned to Portsmouth.

Mr. Cooksey of Cat is here.

Bill Gruffy of Columbus is here.

Henry Fischer is sending a large amount of export lumber.

The infant child of Jim Monroe Webb died last night.

Judge Woods went to Ashland today. Mrs. Judge Woods will be over to Jim Woods whose children are.

Kirk Kitchen has returned from Ashland, also two of the Perkins boys and Ferrell Stewart. The mills have shut down for sixty days.

John Wells has gone to Kaymore, W. Va.

John Rule and Marion Carter have gone to Mahan.

Wilson has inspected and sent out a great many loads of ties.

Mr. Berry and children have gone to West Virginia.

Frank Wellman and son have gone to Greenup.

Wat Rice of Elliott is here.

The new addition to the depot will be up in a few days.

Mr. Debord and granddaughter of Cherokee are here on their way to Ashland.

F. R. Moore acknowledges the receipt of a fine possum from Mr. Lenney.

Young Pink of Cat is here from Holden.

Mrs. Robert Blankenship and children who have been visiting Mrs. McClellan have gone home.

Mrs. McConnell of Denton is here.

Mrs. Pennington and granddaughter have returned from Red Jacket.

The Rat Killer is here.

Mrs. Perkins and son came from Huntington.

Jasper Evans of Laurel, Henry Sales of Flat Gap, Dr. J. Gambill and Lee Gambill of Blaine have gone to attend the cattle sale at Mt. Sterling.

They had previously shipped a lot to that place.

Miss Pearl Walters, who is teaching on Caney, is here visiting her sister over Sunday.

Mr. White, an attorney of Salt Lick and several others are here with dogs and guns.

There was a big slaughter of birds and rabbits, the day ending with Jim Thompson accidentally shooting his 17 year old son. Dr. Thompson picked out the shot and the boy is going about.

H. Griffey has returned from Winchester.

Mr. Kazee, of the Willard school, came back from Washington today with Uncle Tip. He has been on his wedding trip. Married Judge Morris' daughter from Grayson. He gives a glowing description of his trip.

PH.

Miss Maud Marcum and visitors, Miss Nina Marcum, of Columbus, and Miss Melle Bromley, of Louisa, were guests of Miss Lula Thornbury Saturday evening for cards and a waltz rarebit.—Ashland Independent.

James Evans, of Prosperity, transacted business in Louisa Wednesday.